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Minnetonka Tribe, No. 199, Imp'd O. R. M.

This is to Certify

That Emil J. Katz

was regularly adopted into this Tribe on the 13th

Sun Morgan Moon, G. S. D. 434

Wayne G. Schooler Sachem.

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Constitution, By-Laws

AND

Rules of Order

OF

Minnetonka Tribe

No. 199

Improved Order of Red Men

Woodbury, N. J.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

NAME, TITLE, COMPOSITION AND POWERS.

Section 1. This body shall be known as Minnetonka Tribe No. 199, of the Improved Order of Red Men of New Jersey.

Sec. 2. It shall be composed of duly qualified and legally admitted members, and possess such power and authority as its Charter, the Constitution and Laws of the Order define as belonging to a Tribe.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. No pale face shall be adopted into this Tribe unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one great suns. He must believe in the existence of a Great Spirit, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and be of good moral character; free from all infirmity that might render him burdensome to the Tribe, and possessed of some known reputable means of support.

Sec. 2. No pale face shall be adopted for a less sum than three fathoms of wampum.

Sec. 3. An application for adoption must be of three, who shall make a strict investi-

gation of the health, character and qualifications of the applicant, and report at the next council.

Sec. 4. Upon the report of the committee a twig shall be taken, and if three or more black twigs appear the pale face shall be declared rejected.

Sec. 5. Upon the rejection of a pale face the proposition fee must be returned to him, and he cannot be again proposed in any Tribe for the period of six moons.

Sec. 6. No proposition for membership shall be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee, except by unanimous consent, and in all cases a twig shall be had whether the report be favorable or unfavorable.

Sec. 7. Should a pale face neglect or refuse to present himself for adoption within six seven suns from the date of his election (unless satisfactory excuse be given), the proposition fee shall be forfeited to the Tribe, and he cannot be admitted unless by a new election.

Sec. 8. This Tribe shall not adopt a pale face resident of another reservation unless by the consent of the Great Sachem of such reservation; nor confer degrees upon a member of another Tribe, except by permission, under seal, of the Tribe to which said member belongs.

Sec. 9. All Tribes shall have a black book, in which shall be entered the names of all persons rejected for membership, suspended

for cause (not dropped for non-payment of dues), or expelled by any Tribe, of which due notice shall have been received, with the name of Tribe, and the date and cause of said suspension or expulsion.

Sec. 10. Any member having been suspended (not dropped for non-payment of dues) or expelled, and any pale face rejected for membership, notice thereof shall be sent to the Great Chief of Records, who shall notify all Tribes of this reservation within one moon.

ARTICLE III.

WITHDRAWAL CARDS—DISMISSAL CERTIFICATES.

Section 1. Any brother of the Order holding a withdrawal card, desirous of becoming a member of this Tribe, shall make application as in case of a pale face, accompanying his application with his withdrawal card, which shall be referred to a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to report as to his standing and qualifications, at a stated council, when a twig shall be had, as in case of a pale face.

Sec. 2. Application for a withdrawal card shall be made either personally or in writing, and the same shall be granted, provided the brother is clear upon the books of the Tribe, free from charges, and there be no valid objections, upon the payment of two feet five inches of wampum.

Sec. 3. Any withdrawal card may be revoked for cause by the Tribe granting the

same, and when so revoked the person holding said card shall be subject to the Tribe which issued the same. A withdrawal card may be renewed if lost or destroyed.

Sec. 4. A member suspended for non-payment of dues, desirous of joining a Tribe in the same reservation, after one great sun's suspension, shall be entitled to receive, and the Tribe shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate upon the payment of not less than one fathom nor more than one great sun's dues.

Sec. 5. A member suspended for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another reservation, shall be entitled to receive, and the Tribe shall grant,upon proper application, a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of not less than one fathom nor more than one great sun's dues.

Sec. 6. In all cases wherein a Tribe has refused to reinstate a member suspended for non-payment of dues, he shall be entitled to receive, and the Tribe shall, upon proper application, grant a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of one fathom.

Sec. 7. Dismissal certificates may be received upon deposit in any Tribe under the same laws as withdrawal cards, but the privilege of visiting shall not be allowed the holder of a dismissal certificate.

ARTICLE IV.

DUES.

Section 1. Every member of this Tribe shall pay into the wampum belt not less

than ten inches every seven suns as dues, and such assessments as the By-Laws may prescribe.

Sec. 2. No member owing thirteen seven suns' dues shall be entitled to voice or vote in the Tribe.

Sec. 3. Every member shall pay to the Chief of Records or Collector of Wampum of this Tribe the amount of each assessment within thirteen seven suns from the date of the call thereof, and any member failing to pay such assessment within thirteen seven suns shall stand suspended from all the benefits of the Tribe, both sick and funeral, for such time as the By-Laws may prescribe.

ARTICLE V.

BENEFITS.

Section 1. Any brother qualified as required by this Constitution and the By-Laws of his Tribe, if unable to follow the hunt (his usual occupation), and to such an extent as to disqualify him from following some other occupation, shall be entitled to receive from the wampum belt such sum as the By-Laws may prescribe; provided, his disability does not result from his own improper conduct; and provided further, that the Tribe may enact a By-Law that no benefits shall be allowed for the first seven suns' disability. They may also provide for a graded scale of benefits.

Sec. 2. This Tribe may enact a By-Law providing that brothers who may be unable to follow the hunt while in arrears to the

Tribe for thirteen seven suns' dues, cannot, by payment of arrearages, become beneficial during such time as the Tribe may specify, and shall not be entitled to benefits for any known infirmity that may have occurred previous to their admission into the Tribe.

Sec. 3. Dues shall accrue every seven suns and no brother shall be entitled to sick or funeral benefits who shall be indebted to the Tribe at any time for thirteen seven suns' dues and such assessments as the By-Laws may prescribe.

Sec. 4. A member of this Tribe while absent, if not indebted to the Tribe for thirteen seven suns' dues, shall also be entitled to receive benefits upon presenting, or causing to be presented to the Tribe, a certificate of a physician as to the duration, cause and extent of his disability or sickness, attested by the Sachem of a Tribe, if there be one at the place where the sickness or disability occurred, or verified before a competent judicial officer; provided, that in the case of a mariner or passenger at sea, the disability must be certified to by a captain or other officer of the vessel, or the physician, if there be one, and the same duly attested before a magistrate or other civil officer upon the arrival of the vessel at an American port. Said certificate must be forwarded to the Tribe within six seven suns thereafter, with directions as to remitting the wampum, which shall be at the brother's risk.

Sec. 5. Applications for benefits under the

foregoing section shall be made as often as once in four seven suns during the sickness or disability of the brother claiming same, and if the final claim be not made within three moons from the time of the brother's recovery from the sickness or disability, the Tribe shall not be bound to pay the same. In case the wampum in the belt shall at any time be reduced to less than two hundred fathoms, the Tribe, after giving two seven suns' notice of its intended action, may, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, make application to the Great Sachem for a dispensation to reduce the payment of benefits one-half; and in case the wampum in the belt shall at any time be reduced to less than one hundred fathoms, the Tribe, after giving one seven suns' notice of its intended action may, by a majority vote of the members present, make application to the Great Sachem for a dispensation to suspend the payment of benefits. And the Great Sachem, upon being satisfied of the inability of the Tribe, may grant such dispensation.

Sec. 6. The Sachem, Senior Sagamore and Junior Sagamore shall constitute the Relief Committee; they shall examine into the merits of every application for disability benefits by a member residing within the city or town where the Tribe is located; they shall report in writing to the next Tribal council whether the applicant is or is not entitled to be paid benefits and how much; this report when filed, shall deter-

mine the member's right to benefits; provided the member affected, or his legal representative, if he shall die, may appeal from the decision of the Relief Committee to the Tribe in the first instance, and from the action of the Tribe thereon, according to the General Laws of the Order. The appeal from the decision of the Relief Committee shall be filed with the Tribe within two moons from the notification by the Tribe to him of the decision of the Relief Committee, which notice shall be sent to such member under the seal of the Tribe, when the Relief Committee shall report a member not entitled to benefits. If the rejection of a claim for benefits is based upon the member's being or having been in arrears, the report of the Relief Committee shall so state.

Sec. 7. In the event of the Great Spirit calling a brother from the hunting grounds of his fathers, such sums shall be appropriated for a funeral benefit, as the By-Laws may prescribe.

Sec. 8. In the event of the death of a wife of a brother, a funeral benefit of such sum as the By-Laws prescribe shall be appropriated.

Sec. 9. No brother shall be entitled to the foregoing sick or funeral benefits unless he shall have been a member of the Tribe for the period of not less than six moons, or one great sun, at the option of the Tribe, and shall not be indebted to the Tribe for thir-

teen seven suns' dues and such assessments as the By-Laws may prescribe.

Sec. 10. Any member indebted to the Tribe for thirteen seven suns' dues shall not be entitled to disability or sick benefits, nor shall he be entitled to funeral benefits for the death of his wife, nor shall his widow or any other person be entitled to funeral benefits from the Tribe upon the death of such member.

Sec. 11. Any member who shall be indebted to the Tribe for thirteen seven suns' dues shall not be entitled to disability or sick benefits, nor shall he be entitled to benefit for the death of his wife, nor shall his widow or any other person be entitled to sick or funeral benefits for disability or death occurring within a period of four seven suns after all unpaid dues and assessments have been paid; if indebted to the Tribe for twenty-six seven suns dues and assessments, shall not be entitled as above until twelve seven suns thereafter.

ARTICLE VI.

TRIALS, CHARGES, PENALTIES.

Trials, charges and penalties against Great Councils, Tribes and members of either of the said bodies, shall be governed by the Code of Procedure as adopted by the Great Council of the United States.

CODE OF PROCEDURE.

Section 1. Any member guilty of the following offences would be amenable to the Tribe, and should be tried and punished by reprimand, fine, suspension or expulsion:

I. Violation of the obligation he has taken either in the adoption or the degrees, or on assuming any chieftaincy, of the Laws of the Order.

II. Revealing or making known to a person or persons who are not at the time members of the Order any of the secrets or workings of the Tribe.

III. Making false statements in order to gain admission into the Order, knowing the same to be false; or who shall knowingly conceal any infirmity or disease, either of body or mind.

IV. Using improper means to gain benefits.

V. Misappropriating any of the funds, property or effects of a Tribe to his own use, or shall wrongfully divert or misappropriate the funds of the Tribe.

VI. Wilfully refusing to appear and testify or give his deposition, after being duly notined by the Tribe.

VII. Violating the criminal laws of his State.

VIII. Bringing suit in any of the civil courts of his State against his Tribe for the redress of any grievance, the adjudication of which is provided for within the Order by the laws thereof.

IX. Using any of the emblems, mottoes, titles or initials of the Order, either as a chief or member, directly or indirectly, for the prosecution of any private business or enterprise.

Sec. 2 No member can be put on trial for an offence unless the charges be reduced to writing, signed by the accuser and distinctly specifying the cause or causes of complaint, and the time and place of occurence, a copy of which shall be furnished by the Chief of Records before the next council sleep. At the first council sleep after the charge shall have been preferred, a committee of five shall be selected to investigate the charge, of whom one shall be appointed by the Sachem, one by the Senior Sagamore, and the remaining three shall be drawn by lot from

among the members present (in good standing) in the manner following, to wit: The twig box shall be placed immediately in front of the Sachem, and a number of ballots equal to all the members present entitled to serve (less the two members of the committee previously appointed, such members as may be named as witnesses, and the accused and accuser), shall be placed therein. Three of said ballots shall have written on them the word "Committee," the rest shall be blank. The Chief of Records shall then call over the names of the members present (a list of whom shall be entered on the records, as also those excused by reason of being witnesses), and each, as his name is called, shall draw a ballot from the twig box and hand the same to the Sachem, who shall announce the nature of the ballot, whether blank or otherwise, retaining the ballots until the drawing is over. The three members drawing the ballot with the word "Committee" thereon shall, with the brothers before appointed, constitute the committee.

Sec. 3. The committee shall organize on the sleep of its appointment, by the election of a chairman and secretary, after which, with as little delay as possible, the secretary shall notify the accused and the accuser or accusers, of the time and place appointed for investigating the charges. At the time so appointed the committee must proceed with the investigation, even though one of

the parties be absent, unless a written notice be received stating his inability to attend by reason of sickness, no other reason being admissible. In the event of such notice being received, the committee shall adjourn to another fixed time, of which both parties shall have notice. This adjournment shall not extend beyond two seven suns, at which time the committee shall proceed with the investigation. Each side shall have the right to be represented before the committee by counsel, who must be members of the Order in good standing.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the committee to examine the parties, their proof and witnesses. The committee shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, and shall also reduce the testimony taken to writing, to be signed by the witness at the end of his or her examination, the same being first carefully read over to them. After having heard the evidence, the committee shall reduce its opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused, on each charge and specification,to writing (to be plainly written in ink), and report the same, together with the journal and original testimony, to the Tribe at its earliest stated council after the work of the committee is completed.

Sec. 5. When the committee submits its report, the accused must be notified thereof by the Chief of Records, under seal, and direct him to be present at the next stated council, at which time the report must be

considered. If the report is approved by a majority of the members voting, it shall be recorded as the judgment of the Tribe. The Tribe must then prescribe the degree of punishment to be imposed in accordance with the law; the vote thereon must be by twig, and a majority of the votes cast shall decide, except for expulsion, when the assent of two-thirds of the members voting shall be necessary.

Sec. 6. When a motion prescribing the punishment is before the Tribe, the same shall be considered as any other motion and be subject to the same rules; provided, that motions and amendments relative to the degree of punishment shall be treated as a blank, and the blank shall be filled by voting upon the most severe punishment first. If that be lost, a less severe punishment shall be voted upon, until the judgment of the Tribe is declared. As soon as the Tribe has fixed the penalty, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Records to notify the brother.

Sec. 7. A brother feeling that injustice has been done him by the Tribe must appeal to the Great Sachem within two moons from the date of the notice of the action of the Tribe, stating distinctly and specifically the reason or reasons he may have for believing the wrong has been done him. He shall first, however, be required to serve a copy of the appeal upon the Tribe, of which service due proof shall be furnished the Great Sachem. As soon as the Great Sachem has received

an appeal in proper form, he shall, within one seven suns, notify the Tribe, and the Chief of Records shall immediately deliver to the Great Sachem the journal of the committee by whom the case was tried, together with the testimony taken before it, and copies of the records of all the council sleeps containing matter relating thereto and all papers connected therewith, signed by the Sachem and Chief of Records, under seal. Should the Tribe neglect or refuse to comply herewith, it shall be sufficient cause for its suspension.

Sec. 8. The Great Sachem shall refer all documents and papers to such committee as the laws of the Great Council may designate.

Sec. 9. When a member of one Tribe desires to prefer a charge or charges against a member or members of another Tribe, he shall present such charge or charges in the usual form to the Tribe of which he (the accuser) is a member. Said Tribe shall forthwith forward to the Tribe of which the accused belongs a certified copy of the charge or charges, over the signature of the Sachem and Chief of Records, and attested by the seal of the Tribe; and the Tribe to whom such charge or charges shall be sent shall proceed to hear and determine the same in like manner as if preferred by a member of its own body.

Sec. 10. A Tribe, upon due investigation and trial, having decided that a charge or

charges made against a brother have not been sustained, its decision is final. The brother who preferred the charges cannot appeal from the decision of the Tribe.

Sec. 11. A member expelled from the Order cannot be restored to membership in the Tribe, except after application to the Tribe, and by permission of the great Council, or the Board of Great Council Chiefs, during the interim, and the vote necessary to reinstate him is the same vote which expelled him from memberhsip.

Sec. 12. Should any person feel aggrieved at the action of a Tribe for failing to pay benefits that may be claimed to be due, such person must appeal from said action by giving the Tribe notice thereof within twenty suns after said action, whereupon the Sachem shall without delay appoint a suitable member of the Order as a commissioner to take such testimony as either party may offer in relation to the case.

Sec. 13. The commissioner shall, within twenty suns, proceed to take the testimony, giving each party ten suns' notice of the time and place of meeting for that purpose. The Sachem shall represent the Tribe, and may also be represented by counsel. The aggrieved party may appear in person and may also be represented by counsel. All testimony must be taken down fully by the commissioner and signed by the witnesses after being fully read to them, and should objections be made to the examination of

any witness, or to any question, or to any testimony offered, he shall note the same, and he shall give ample time and opportunity to both parties to present their witnesses, and for them to testify. All testimony shall be written in ink.

Sec. 14. After taking all the testimony the parties may offer, the commissioner shall immediately report to the Tribe, whereupon the Chief of Records shall notify the aggrieved party that the subject will be considered at the next council of the Tribe, at which time the Tribe shall consider it, when all the evidence in the case shall be read and the claim finally determined.

Sec. 15. After final action shall have been had by the Tribe, the Chief of Records shall immediately notify the aggrieved party of the action of the Tribe. If the Tribe should still refuse to pay the benefits claimed, then the aggrieved party shall appeal to the Great Council at any time within twenty suns from the date of the notice, by filing an appeal with the Tribe; otherwise the action of the Tribe will be final and conclusive.

Sec. 16. When an appeal has been filed from the action of the Tribe, the Tribe, through the Chief of Records shall, without delay, transmit the appeal to the Great Sachem, together with the testimony taken by the commissioner, extracts from the records of the Tribe of all proceedings, and all other papers and documents relating to the case which were offered in evidence in the case

when before the Tribe, and which alone shall be examined by the parties authorized by the laws to hear appeals.

Sec. 17. Should the Tribe neglect or refuse to appoint a commissioner within two seven suns after receiving notice of an appeal, or shall neglect to send the appeal and papers to the Great Sachem within one moon after the filing of the appeal; it shall be sufficient cause for the Great Sachem to reverse the action of the Tribe, and direct them to pay the benefits. Provided, that the Tribe would have the right to appeal to the Great Council from the action of the Great Sachem. Provided, further, that the amount of wampum claimed shall be placed in the hands of the Great Keeper of Wampum until the case is finally settled.

Sec. 18. An appeal of a Tribe from the action of a Board or Committee on Appeals cannot be entertained unless the Tribe has obeyed the mandate of the Great Sachem or Great Council, or the amount of wampum involved has been placed in the hands of the Great Keeper of Wampum, the same to be held until the case has been finally settled by the laws of the Order.

ARTICLE VII.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS.

No concert, festival or other public assemblage shall be allowed without permission, except funerals; nor shall any person appear in the regalia or the Order at any concert, festival, public assemblage or procession un-

less by permission of the Great Council, Great Sachem, or his Deputy.

ARTICLE VIII.

APPLICATION FOR DEGREES.

Section 1. Brothers desirous of advancing shall make application for degrees in open council; the application shall be referred to the Tribe while working in the degrees; a ballot shall be had, and if not more than three black twigs are cast it shall be granted. If rejected the application cannot be renewed for three moons.

Sec. 2. The fees, to be paid on application, for the Warrior's degree shall not be less than five feet; Chief's degree, not less than five feet.

ARTICLE IX.

KINDLING THE COUNCIL FIRE.

The council fire of this Tribe shall be kindled on such sleeps, and at such runs, as the By-Laws may determine.

ARTICLE X.

QUORUM AND DISSOLUTION.

Section 1. This Tribe shall not be dissolved as long as seven members are willing to continue it.

Sec. 2. Five members or more, including one qualified to preside, who shall be the Sachem, Senior Sagamore, Junior Sagamore, or a Past Sachem, in the order named, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and if a quorum only be present

no wampum shall be appropriated (except for benefits) without unanimous consent.

ARTICLE XI.

CHIEFS.

Section 1. The elective Chiefs of this Tribe shall be a Sachem, Senior Sagamore, Junior Sagamore, Prophet, Chief of Records, Collector of Wampum and Keeper of Wampum, all of whom shall be members of the Chief's degree; and a representative to the Great Council, who shall be a Past Sachem.

Sec. 2. The appointed Chiefs shall be a First and Second Sannap, Guard of the Wigwam, Guard of the Forest, four Warriors, four Braves and such others as the Charge Books define.

ARTICLE XII.

QUALIFICATION OF CHIEFS.

Section 1. No brother shall be eligible for the position of Keeper of Wampum, Chief of Records, Collector of Wampum or Junior Sagamore, unless he shall have received the Chief's degree; for Senior Sagamore, unless he shall have served as Junior Sagamore; nor for Sachem, unless he has served in the capacity of Senior Sagamore.

Sec. 2. All vacancies by removal, death, suspension, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may be, to serve the residue of the term, and the Chief so serving shall be entitled to the honors of the term.

ARTICLE XIII.

ELECTION OF CHIEFS.

Section 1. The election for Chiefs shall take place at the last stated council in the Hot and Hunting moons. The nominations shall be made one seven suns previous to the election, and the nominations shall not be opened afterwards, except in cases where only one remains in nomination for a particular chieftaincy through declination.

Sec. 2. The Chief of Records and Keeper of Wampum shall be elected for one great sun at the election in the Hunting moon; and if the Tribe deem it expedient a Collector of Wampum may be chosen, by election, for the same period, to perform such duties as the By-Laws may prescribe.

Sec. 3. The election shall be by ballot, and a majority of the ballots polled shall be necessary to a choice. After the first ballot, the candidate having the smallest vote shall be dropped on each ballot until an election occurs.

Sec. 4. Should this Tribe by By-Law hold stated councils twice a moon, an election for Chiefs shall be held on the last stated councils in Hot and Hunting Moons.

ARTICLE XIV.

RAISING UP OF CHIEFS.

Section 1. The raising up of Chiefs shall take place on the first council sleep of the term, unless a dispensation has been granted to postpone the same. This Tribe may have

their Chiefs raised up in public, provided a dispensation has been first obtained.

Sec. 2. The Sachem shall appoint the various subordinate Chiefs named in the Constitution and Charge Books, except the Braves, who shall be appointed by the Senior Sagamore.

ARTICLE XV.

DUTIES OF THE CHIEFS—OF THE SACHEM.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Sachem to preside at all councils of the Tribe, preserve order, and enforce the Constitution and By-Laws of this Tribe, and of the Great Council of New Jersey. He shall decide all questions or order, subject to appeal to the Tribe; appoint a judge and two tellers to conduct all elections, and declare the result to the Tribe; he shall not be entitled to twig, except on the election of Chiefs, or twigging for pale faces, and when the brothers are equally divided on other questions, when he shall have the casting twig; he shall sign all orders on the Keeper of Wampum for such wampum as by a vote of the Tribe shall be ordered to be paid; receive orders legally drawn for the benefit of those who are unable to follow the hunt, and draw the wampum, and cause the same to be paid to the person in whose favor it may be drawn, within three suns from the date of such order; shall appoint his appointed Chiefs, and a majority of all committee not otherwise provided for; call special meetings when requested by five brothers in writing; open

and close the Tribe in due form; enforce all penalties, and perform all other duties which are enjoined by the charges and regulations of the Order, or may be directed by the By-Laws, or a resolution of the Tribe.

Sec. 2. He shall on the last sleep of the term, appoint a committee of three to audit the accounts of the Chief of Records, Keeper of Wampum, Collector of Wampum (if there be one) and Trustees (or Board of Incorporation), who shall report at the next stated council, under such penalty as the By-Laws or Tribe may determine.

ARTICLE XVI.

OF THE SENIOR SAGAMORE.

It shall be the duty of the Senior Sagamore to assist the Sachem, and in his absence preside at the councils of the Tribe, appoint his Chiefs, and a minority of all committees not otherwise provided for, and perform such other duties as are enjoined by the charges and regulations of the Order, or may be directed by the By-Laws or a resolution of the Tribe.

ARTICLE XVII.

OF THE JUNIOR SAGAMORE.

The Junior Sagamore shall assist the Senior Sagamore in the performance of his duties and in the absence of the Sachem and Senior Sagamore, he shall occupy the Sachem's stump; he shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the charges, regulations, etc.

ARTICLE XVIII.

OF THE PROPHET.

The Prophet shall open and close the councils with prayer, assist in adoption of pale faces, and perform all other duties that the Tribe may prescribe.

ARTICLE XIX.

OF THE CHIEF OF RECORDS.

The Chief of Records shall keep accurate records of the Tribe, and record the same in the record book; attest all orders for the payment of wampum, conduct the correspondence, and have charge of the seal and records of the Tribe; notify all applicants for membership of their election or rejection, and perform all duties required of him by the Great Council and the laws of the Order.

ARTICLE XX.

OF THE COLLECTOR OF WAMPUM.

The Collector of Wampum shall keep a full and correct account between the Tribe and each member, receive all wampum, and pay the same to the Keeper of Wampum, and take his receipt therefor; notify each member quarterly of the state of his account with the Tribe for dues, and, when a member is twelve moons in arrears for dues, the Collector of Wampum shall report the fact to the Tribe at the first stated council; make out returns of the financial condition of the Tribe at the end of each term, including the report of the per capita tax to the Great

Council. (Should there be no Collector of Wampum, the duties of this Chieftaincy shall devolve upon the Chief of Records.)

ARTICLE XXI.

OF THE KEEPER OF WAMPUM.

The Keeper of Wampum shall receive from the Collector of Wampum, or Chief of Records, all moneys tendered, and give his receipt therefor; pay all orders drawn on the wampum belt by the Sachem, attested by the Chief of Records, when there is sufficient wampum in his hands so to do; have his accounts ready for settlement at the last stated council in each term, and deliver to his successor all wampum, books and papers in his hands.

ARTICLE XXII.

BONDS.

The Collector of Wampum, Chief of Records (who performs the duty of Collector of Wampum), and Keeper of Wampum, shall give bond in such penalty as shall be determined by the Tribe. Such bonds shall be made payable to the Trustees, or corporate name of the Tribe, in trust for the use and benefit of the Tribe; they shall be executed by the principal with two or more sureties, and be conditioned that the principal in the bond shall well, truly and faithfully perform the official duties devolving upon him by the laws of the Order then in force, or which may be subsequently enacted.

ARTICLE XXIII.

APPOINTED CHIEFS.

It shall be the duty of the appointed Chiefs to perform such duties as are prescribed by the charges and regulations of the Order, and such as may be required of them by the presiding Chiefs.

ARTICLE XXIV.

CONSOLIDATION.

Whenever it shall appear for the better working of the Order in their hunting grounds that two or more Tribes consolidate, they may do so under the following rules:

I. Notice shall be sent to each brother of the contemplated change, naming date of council sleep.

II. Consent of the majority of members present of each Tribe, contemplating change, shall first be had.

III. Immediately thereafter each Tribe shall appoint a committee of three members to act jointly, draw up articles of consolidation, who shall consider and define.

IV. The name or number of the Tribe to be used by them.

V. The seal.

VI. The charter.

VII. Which set of record books.

VIII. The Chiefs for the balance of the term.

IX. The By-Laws to remain in use or to be altered, which, when adopted, shall be signed by the number or a majority of each committee, and properly attested by the

Tribes, which attest shall be the signing thereof by the Sachem and the Chief of Records of each Tribe, with the seal attached, entered in full on the records, and a duplicate copy forwarded to the Great Sachem, and if approved by him he may grant a dispensation for the same, with the consent and concurrence of the Board of Great Chiefs; and thereafter a duplicate copy shall be forwarded to the Great Chief of Records, there to remain on file; provided, that said Tribes losing their identity shall first surrender the Charter, Seal, Rituals, and all other matter known as Great Council supplies in their possession, except such as may be designated to be kept for the use of the consolidated Tribe, together with such other property as may be designated by the committee to the Great Sachem or delegation authorized by him or the Great Council; and provided further, that no paraphernalia shall be disposed of without a dispensation be first granted, and then only to another Tribe, and that all funds be merged for the good of the consolidated Tribes.

ARTICLE XXV.

BY-LAWS—ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. By-Laws may be made for the special government of the Tribe, provided they do not contravene this Constitution and receive the approval of the Committee on Law.

Sec. 2. No alteration or amendment can be

made to this Constitution unless the same be offered in writing at a regular session of the Great Council, and such amendment shall lie over one great sun, and notice be given of the proposed amendments to the Tribes, and receive a two-thirds vote in favor thereof at the next regular session, except that the same may be passed by a two-thirds vote at the session at which introduced.

ARTICLE XXVI.

INTERPRETATION OF LAWS.

The provisions of this Constitution shall be interpreted and construed according to their most plain and obvious meaning, and should any doubt arise as to the proper construction of any clause or article thereof, it shall be referred to the Great Sachem, whose decision shall be final until reversed by the Great Council.

RESOLUTION

ADOPTED SNOW MOON, G. S. D. 408.

Resolved, That at each session of this Great Council the Great Sachem shall appoint a committee of three, to be known as a Mileage and Transportation Committee, whose duty it shall be to endeavor to procure special rates on the several railroads for the members attending the sessions of this Great Council and have the mileage of all entitled to mileage adjusted in accordance therewith.

FIFTH SUN, PLANT MOON, G. S. D. 408.

The foregoing Constitution for Tribes is true and correct with amendments as adopted up to the above date.

W. A. WESTPHAL,
EDWIN A. ALDERSEA,
GEO. H. MILLER,
Committee on Law.

ARTHUR H. STILES, Great Sachem.
Attest:
DANIEL M. STEVENS,
Great Chief of Records.

FORMS.

The following forms may be used, when circumstances require; but the form is not imperative, so that the substance is clearly set forth:

No. 1.

CHARGES.

Sun, Moon, G. S. D.

To Tribe, No. , Imp. O. R. M. The undersigned, a member of Tribe, No. Imp. O. R. M., under the jurisdiction of the Great Council of New Jersey, Imp. O. R. M., hereby charge a member of Tribe, No. , Imp. O. R. M., with having been guilty of conduct unbecoming a Red Man, as more fully appears in the following:

SPECIFICATIONS.

First,
Second,
Third,

Witnesses:

}

Signature of accuser.

No. 2.

NOTICE TO ACCUSED.

Sun, Moon, G. S. D.

To

Brother:

You are hereby notified that at a stated council of Tribe, No. , Imp. O. R. M., held on the sleep of sun of moon, G. S. D. ,the following charges were preferred against you, to-wit:

(Here insert copy of charges in full.)

This is therefore to summon you to be and appear before said Tribe on the sleep of sun, moon, at the run, G. S. D. , at which time the committee will be selected to try said charges.

Fraternally, in F. F. C.,

(Seal) Chief of Records.

No. 3.

FORM OF SUBPOENA TO ACCUSED.

Sun, Moon, G. S. D.

To

Sir and Brother:

You are hereby notified that on the sun, moon, G. S. D. , charges preferred against you were referred for trial to the undersigned committee.

You are hereby required to appear before said committee at on the sun of moon, G. S. D. , at the run, to make answer to said charges, and proceed with the trial thereof.

} Committee.

Secretary.

No. 4.

FORM OF SUBPOENA TO ACCUSER OR WITNESSES.

To
Brother:
You are hereby required to attend, under penalty of our laws, before a committee of Tribe, No. Imp. O. R. M., selected to investigate charges against Brother , on the sun of moon, G. S. D. , to testify in said case.

Fraternally,
Secretary of Committee.

Sun, Moon, G. S. D.

No. 5.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Sun. Moon, G. S. D.

Sachem, Chiefs and members of Tribe, No. , Imp. O. R. M.

Sirs and Brothers:
Your committee selected to try charges preferred against Brother by Brother , report that the accompanying documents contain the proceedings of and the evidence taken before said committee.

That, from all that appeared to said committee in said case, they find Brother as to the specifications of the charge.

} Committee.

No. 6.

NOTICE TO ACCUSED AS TO REPORT.

Tribe No. , Imp. O. R. M.
Sun, Moon, G. S. D.

To
Sir and Brother:
Take notice that the committee selected to try

the charges preferred against you by Brother have filed their report, and the report will be considered at the next stated council of the Tribe on the sleep of the sun, moon, G. S. D.

Yours in F. F. C.,

(Seal) Chief of Records.

No. 7.

FORM OF APPEAL FROM THE ACTION OF A TRIBE.

Sun, Moon, G. S. D.

To , the Great Sachem of the Great Council of New Jersey, Imp. O. R. M.

Sir and Brother:

Your petitioner having been notified that he has been from Tribe, No. Imp. O. R. M., and feeling that injustice has been done, would respectfully appeal from the action of said Tribe, No. Imp. O. R. M., for the following reasons, to-wit:

1st. That the decision of said Tribe, No. Imp. O. R. M., is contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

2nd. That said decision is contrary to and against the evidence.

3rd. Errors of law, and excepted to at the time of the trial:

(The petitioner must state the errors committed.)

Your petitioner would therefore ask that said decision of said Tribe, N. Imp. O. R. M., be reversed, and that he may be restored to all things he has lost thereby.

(Signed by petitioner.)

Two must be made out and filed with the Tribe, in accordance with the law.

RULES OF ORDER

Rule 1. The Sachem having taken the stump, the Chiefs and members shall clothe themselves with appropriate regalia, take their respective stumps, and at the sound of the tomahawk there shall be general silence.

Rule 2. The business shall be proceeded with in the manner perscribed by the charge book.

Rule 3. The presiding Chief shall preserve order, and pronounce the decision of the Tribe on all subjects; he shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Tribe by any three members, on which appeal no member shall speak but once. When the question before the Tribe shall be: "Shall the decision of the Stump stand as the judgment of the Tribe?" which shall be taken by the Senior Sagamore.

Rule 4. During the reading of the minutes, communications, and other papers,and when a member is addressing the Stump, silence shall be observed in the wigwam.

Rule 5. Any member who shall misbehave himself in the meetings of the Tribe, disturb the order or harmony thereof, either by abusive, disorderly or profane language, or shall refuse obedience to the presiding Chief, shall be admonished of his offence from the Stump; and if he offend again, he shall be excluded from the wigwam for the sleep, and afterwards dealt with as the By-Laws prescribe.

Rule 6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except it be to call him to order, or for the purpose of explanation.

Rule 7. If a member while speaking be called to order, he shall, at the request of the Stump, take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

Rule 8. Each member, when speaking, shall be standing, respectfully address the Stump, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personality, indecorous or sarcastic language.

Rule 9. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the Sachem shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

Rule 10. No member shall speak more than once an the same subject or question, until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission from the Stump. Each

member, while speaking, shall designate the Chief or member spoken of by his proper rank or title, according to his standing in the Order.

Rule 11. No motion shall be subject to debate, until it shall have been seconded and stated from the Stump; it shall be reduced to writing at the request of any two members.

Rule 12. When a question is before the Tribe, no motion shall be in order, except to quench the council fire, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to commit or to amend; which motions severally have precedence in the order herein arranged.

Rule 13. On the call of five members, debate shall cease and a question be taken on the matter or subject under debate.

Rule 14. On the call of five members, a majority of the Tribe may demand the previous question, which shall always be put in this form: "Shall the main question be put?" and until it is decided shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.

Rule 15. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken upon the highest sum or number, and the longest and latest time proposed.

Rule 16. Any member may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it. But a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible except at the option of the mover.

Rule 17. Before putting the question, the presiding Chief shall ask: "Is the Tribe ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, he shall rise and put it, and after he has risen to put the question, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it; whilst the presiding Chief is addressing the Tribe, or putting a question, silence shall be observed in the wigwam.

Rule 18. All communications,petitions and memorials shall be presented through a member of this Tribe, or by the presiding Chief; a brief statement of their contents shall be entered on the records.

Rule 19. Any member may excuse himself from serving on a committee, if, at the time of his appointment he is a member of two other committees; no member can be appointed on a committee when absent from the wigwam.

Rule 20. The person first named on a committee shall act as chairman until another is chosen by the members of the committee. The mover of a resolution referred to a special committee, is usually the first named thereon.

Rule 21. No committee can be finally discharged until all the debts contracted by it shall have been paid.

Rule 22. A motion to adjourn is always in order after the other regular business is gone through, which motion shall be decided without debate; if decided in the affirmative, it is no adjournment until the council is closed in due form.

Rule 23. A motion to lie on the table shall be decided without debate.

Rule 24. When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted on again during that or the next succeeding stated meeting.

Rule 25. No motion for a reconsideration shall be received unless made by a member who voted in the majority in the first instance.

Rule 26. No member shall be permitted to speak or vote unless clothed in regalia suitable for his rank and station in the Tribe.

Rule 27. On the call of one-third of the members present, the yeas and nays shall be ordered; when the question is decided by yeas and nays each member shall vote, and the names and manner of voting shall be recorded on the minutes.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This Tribe shall be known as Minnetonka Tribe No. 199, of the Improved Order of Red Men of New Jersey.

ARTICLE II.

STATED COUNCILS.

Sec. 1. The stated councils of this Tribe shall be held on the sleep of the sixth sun of every seven suns. The council fire shall be kindled at the eighth run, from the first sun of Warm moon until the last sun of Traveling moon; and shall be kindled at the seventh run and thirtieth breath, from the first sun of Beaver moon, until the last sun of Snow moon.

Sec. 2. In the absence of the Sachem, Senior Sagamore and Junior Sagamore, a Past Sachem of the Tribe present at the run named to kindle the council fire shall take the stump.

Sec. 3. The council fire shall be kindled within fifteen breaths after the run named; provided there be a quorum present.

ARTICLE III.

ADOPTION AND ADMISSION.

Sec. 1. Any pale face on being admitted a member of this Tribe, and whose age does not exceed thirty great suns, shall pay the sum of three fathoms of wampum; between the ages of thirty and thirty-five great suns, four fathoms of wampum; between the ages of thirty-five and forty great suns, six fathoms of wampum; between forty and forty-five great suns, eight fathoms of wampum; between the ages of forty-five and fifty great suns, ten fathoms of wampum. No pale face shall be admitted who is over fifty great suns of age. Should a pale face on being adopted, misrepresent his age, he shall be disqualified from all benefits.

Sec. 2. Any member of another Tribe becoming a member of this Tribe shall pay half the price of adoption, to be governed by age as in Section 1 of this Article, to the age of forty great suns, and over forty great suns he shall pay ten fathoms of wampum.

Sec. 3. A proposition for membership may be withdrawn from the Tribe before the committee signs the report, with the unanimous consent of the Tribe; but after the report has been signed a twig must be taken.

ARTICLE IV.

DUES.

Sec. 1. Every member of this Tribe shall pay as a regular contribution into the wampum belt, 11 and 7-13 inches of wampum per

seven suns (equal to one fathom and five feet per three moons), which shall be due and payable each seven suns.

ARTICLE V.

ASSESSMENTS.

Sec. 1. In case of the Great Spirit calling a brother from the hunting grounds of his fathers, an assessment of five feet of wampum shall be made on each brother in good standing, and on the death of a brother's wife an assessment of five feet shall be made on each brother in good standing.

ARTICLE VI.

ARREARS.

Sec. 1. Any member of this Tribe who shall become indebted to the same for dues and assessments for a period of thirteen seven suns shall be deprived of all benefits until four seven suns after all his indebtedness has been paid in full.

Sec. 2. If in the arrears to the amount of one great sun's dues, he shall be suspended, unless otherwise directed by the Tribe; and anyone becoming three months in arrears, and becoming unable to follow the hunt within that period, shall not receive any benefits for such sickness.

Sec. 3. No brother shall receive sick benefits for a period less than one seven suns.

ARTICLE VII.

BENEFITS

Sec. 1. Each member of this Tribe who is incapable of attending to his usual hunts, or

any other hunt, by which he can earn a livelihood, through sickness or disability; shall receive, if of the Adoption Degree, the sum of two fathoms; if of the Warrior's Degree, the sum of four fathoms; if of the Chief's Degree, the sum of five fathoms of wampum per seven suns.

Sec. 2. Except that each brother entitled shall receive one fathom for the first seven sun's sickness or disability.

Sec. 3. Provided, that the brother is otherwise entitled according to the Constitution and these By-Laws, and has been a member of this Tribe one great sun, and such sickness or disability does not proceed from intemperance or immoral conduct, or from any known infirmity which existed previous to his admission into the Tribe, or fraud practiced on the same, at the time of his admission into the Tribe.

Section 4. Provided, that no member shall receive more than eight seven suns' full benefits for the same sickness or disability; at the expiration of eight seven suns the benefits shall be reduced one fathom, and shall be reduced every eight seven suns at the same rate until they have been reduced three times.

Sec. 5. In the event of the Great Spirit calling a brother from the hunting grounds of his fathers, the sum of one hundred fathoms shall be appropriated for a funeral benefit; in the event of the Great Spirit calling

a brother's wife from the hunting grounds, the sum of fifty fathoms shall be appropriated for a funeral benefit.

ARTICLE VIII.

RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Section 1. The Sachem, Senior Sagamore and Junior Sagamore shall constitute a committee of relief, whose duty it shall be to visit brothers unable to follow the hunt within twenty-four hours after receiving notice; provided, such sick brother, or brothers, are within three miles of the wigwam, and the disease is not contagious. Said committee shall continue to visit him, or them, at least once in every seven suns thereafter, during such time that he, or they, are unable to follow the hunt, and if found worthy and qualified according to these By-Laws, they shall report the amount of benefits due him, or them, at each council of the Tribe.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Chief first receiving notice of a sick brother to communicate the same to the other Chiefs, whose duty it is to visit, and for neglecting to do so, shall be fined two feet and five inches of wampum.

ARTICLE IX.

PENALTIES.

Sec. 1. Any brother of this Tribe who shall be proven, while receiving sick benefits, to have been out after the eighth run setting of the sun, or in disagreeable weather, or be detected in gambling, or intoxicated, or fre-

quenting taverns, or false pretence of indispositions, or following his usual hunt, or other hunts, for gain, except giving directions for his business, or who shall leave the jurisdiction of the Tribe without getting permission of the Relief Chiefs, shall be deprived of benefits.

ARTICLE X.

DUTIES OF TRUSTEES.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to exercise a general supervision over all the property of the Tribe make such investments as the Tribe may direct, procure from Keeper of Wampum and Collector of Wampum, security for the faithful performance of their duties and perform such other duties that the Tribe may direct.

Sec. 2. They shall keep regular accounts of their transactions in a book, and deliver the same to the Auditing Committee once every six moons.

ARTICLE XI.

COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. The first named on a committee shall be Chairman unless the committee directs it otherwise.

Sec. 2. The Chairman of all committees shall notify each member thereof, within two seven suns after their appointment, to meet at such place as he may designate, to enter upon the discharge of their duties, in default of which he may be fined.

Sec. 3. Any member of a committee refus-

ing or neglecting to attend the call of their Chairman may be fined one foot of wampum.

Sec. 4. The Chief of Records shall give the Chairman of all committees the names of the brothers composing said committee on the sleep of their appointment.

Sec. 5. All committees shall report in writing signed by a majority thereof, but if unable to report finally, they can report verbally when called on; any member of a committee failing to report may be fined two feet and five inches of wampum.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to examine the accounts of the Chief of Records, Collector of Wampum, Keeper of Wampum and Trustees, and report thereon at the next stated council of the Tribe after their appointment.

ARTICLE XII.

RE-INSTATEMENT.

Sec. 1. A suspended member of this Tribe desiring to be re-instated, shall make application in the same manner as a pale face applying for adoption, and be governed as per Constitution and these By-Laws.

Sec. 2. The re-instatement of a member shall not be deemed complete until he shall have paid into the wampum belt the same fee as would be required from a pale face of the same age applying for adoption, and take his rank as a new member as regards to benefits.

Sec. 3. A member suspended for improper

conduct must keep his dues paid up during the time of his suspension, the same as any other brother. As soon as the time of his suspension expires be becomes entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Order without any action of the Tribe.

ARTICLE XIII.

TRIALS, CHARGES AND PENALTIES.

Sec. 1. They shall be governed by the code of procedure as adopted by the Great Council of the United States.

ARTICLE XIV.

RESIDENCE.

Sec. 1. Any member changing his wigwam shall notify the Chief of Records of the same, within four seven suns after such removal under a penalty of two feet and five inches of wampum.

ARTICLE XV.

ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1. Any alterations or amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing at a stated council of the Tribe and laid over at least two seven suns, when such amendments may be acted on; to adopt the same it shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

FREDERICK BAYER,
FRANK KAVANAUGH,
LEWIS D. LESLIE.

Approved May 7, 1902.

THOMAS H. SPRAGUE,
H. T. RATHBONE,
Law Committee, G. C.

CALENDAR.

Breath ..... A minute
Run ..... An hour
Sun ..... A day
Sleep ..... A night
Seven Suns ..... A week
Moon ..... A month
Cold Moon ..... January
Snow Moon ..... February
Worm Moon ..... March
Plant Moon ..... April
Flower Moon ..... May
Hot Moon ..... June
Buck Moon ..... July
Sturgeon Moon ..... August
Corn Moon ..... September
Traveling Moon ..... October
Beaver Moon ..... November
Hunting Moon ..... December
Great Sun ..... A year
Rising of the Sun ..... Morning
Setting of the Sun ..... Evening
High Sun ..... Mid-day
Low Sun ..... Midnight
Pale Face. One who is not a member of the Order
Wampum Belt ..... Treasury
Wigwam and Tepee ..... Place of Meeting
Hunting Ground,
Territory over which a Tribe has jurisdiction
Reservation, Territory over which a
Great Council has jurisdiction
Records ..... The Minutes
Talk or Long Talk ..... Speech or Report
Kindling a council fire ...Organizing a meeting
Quenching a council fire ..... Closing a meeting
Tribe and League ..... Branches of the Order
Great Council, Head of the Order in a State, etc.
Following the hunt ..... Attending to business
Crossing the path ..... Wronging another
Wampum ..... Money
Fathom ..... One dollar
Foot ..... Ten cents
Inch ..... One cent

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

FOR COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY TRIBES TO TAKE TESTIMONY.

Rule 1. A commissioner is only a ministerial officer. He has no power to make a ruling. His duty is to enter in his journal what is offered, and leave to the Tribe and to the authorized committee, to pass upon the relevancy or the irrelevancy of what is offered.

Rule 2. The commissioner must give the party presenting the appeal at least ten suns' notice in writing of the time and place of the meeting.

Rule 3. The party presenting the appeal shall, at the time and place appointed by the commissioner, present his witnesses. There shall be no one present at the time of the hearing except the parties and the one witness under examination while the testimony is being taken.

Rule 4. Counsel representing either party must be a member of the Order, in good standing, and shall present a certificate to that effect.

Rule 5. After the appellant is through with his witnesses, the witnesses for the Tribe shall be presented.

Rule 6. All objections made to the testimony of witnesses by either party must be noted on the records by the commissioner, and then proceed to take down the testimony as if no objections were made.

Rule 7. New evidence may be introduced after the case has been closed on either side, if there be reasons for so doing. Such new evidence need not be confined to that which is merely rebuttal. The tribunal that decides the case finally must exercise its discretion as to the evidence thus presented.

DATES, &C.

Prior to the year A. D. 1865, the old Jewish style, namely, the year of the world, was observed by Red Men in dating their documents.

At the session of the G. C. U. S. 5626, this system was discontinued, and the style G. S. D.,or Great Sun of the Discovery, was adopted, the year 1492 being considered G. S. D. 1.

PREFIXES AND TITLES.

In new Tribes great care should be taken to conform to the peculiar phraseology of the Order. The lower branches of the Order are known as Tribes, the State organizations as Great Councils, and the Supreme Body as the Great Council of the United States; and hence the term Subordinate as a prefix to a Tribe is improper, as is the prefix Grand to the Great Councils or its Chiefs.

Significance and simplicity of expression in the titles of the Chiefs of the Order are not the least of its beauties.

The initials I. O. should never be used as a prefix to the title of the Order. The word Improved should be written in full, or its abbreviation, Imp'd, may be employed. This is to avoid confounding it with another organization, which has appropriated a part of our name. (See printed proceedings G. C. U. S., volume I, page 56).

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